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SUBJ: KHUKRIT PRAMOT ON RECOGNITION OF THE PRG

PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT PRAMOT HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 30.
THE FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF HIS REMARKS
ON RECOGNITION OF THE PRG:

"REPORTER: WHAT WILL WE DO IN REGARD TO THE PROBLEM OF EX-
TENDING RECOGNITION TO THE NEW VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT?

KHUKRIT: IF A NEW GOVERNMENT IS SET UP, WE WILL RECOGNIZE
IT AT ONCE.

REPORTER: BUF IF VIETNAM SHOULD BE REUNIFIED AND BE A SINGLE
COUNTRY?

KHUKRIT: SHOULD IT BE GLAD TO HAVE RELATIONS WITH US, WE WOULD
ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH IT AT ONCE.

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TO IT AT ONCE. BUT WHETHER IT WILL ACCEPT OUR RECOGNITION OF
IT, AND WHAT AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS
WITH US, WILL DEPEND ON NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE
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HELD IN THE FUTURE. WE HAVE SHOWN NO DISLIKE OF ANYTHING AT

ALL. I DON'T KNOW YET WHETHER VIETNAM WILL BE REUNIFIED AND FORM A SINGLE COUNTRY, OR WHETHER A NEW GOVERNMENT WILL BE SET UP. WE MUST WAIT AND SEE DEVELOPMENTS FIRST.

REPORTER: SUPPOSE VIETNAM IS REUNIFIED?

KHUKRIT: THAT IS WHY I SAID WE MUST WAIT AND SEE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SITUATION. I CANNOT GIVE YOU ANY ANSWER YET. I DON'T KNOW WHAT DECISIONS THEY WILL MAKE YET. BUT WE ARE GLAD AND WILLING TO EXTEND RECOGNITION TO EVERY AND ALL NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. SHOULD SOUTH VIETNAM REMAIN A PARTITIONED AND SEPARATE COUNTRY, WHENEVER IT SETS UP A LEGAL GOVERNMENT WE WILL RECOGNIZE IT."

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